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Maryville gears up for major football weekend. Please see B1.

Newsbriefs

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INGTON (AP) — Bush on Wednesday named White House policy adviser Spelling to be the eighth education secretary. "The issue of education is close to my heart. This vital issue there's trust more than Spelling," Bush said. Spelling was confirmed by the Senate. Spelling would be the first secretary in the Cabinet of overseeing the Department of Education, who was joined in the Oval Office with her two sons, became emotional and accepted the post.

group kidnaps
qi policemen

AD, Iraq (AP) — An Iraqi group kidnapped 31 U.S. Marines who were training in Jordan, U.S. officials said Wednesday. The kidnappers said they were part of a wave of attacks that has swept across the Arab heartland. The U.S. offensive to the insurgent bastion.

buys Sears in
billion deal

GO (AP) — The Kmart Holding Corp. is acquiring one of the largest names in U.S. retail, the department store Sears, Roebuck and Co. for \$11 billion. The deal will create the third largest retailer. The combined company would be known as Sears Holdings Corp., but it was orchestrated by Kmart and Sears shareholders. The deal was announced by Kmart CEO David Lampert, who will lead a new board that will be created by Kmart.



AP FILE PHOTO

h ranking military officials, an opened silo of a Russian ballistic missile. Topol-M missiles have a range of 6,000 kilometers (6,000 miles) and are difficult to detect.

a developing
nuclear missile

OW (AP) — Russia is developing a new nuclear missile system unlike any other. President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday, a move that would serve as a signal to the United States as Washington moves forward with a new defense system. Putin said details about the system are why Russia was developing it, and it was unclear if the Kremlin's cash-strapped forces could afford an expensive new

New Provost aims for technology

By SEAN COMER
Buzz Editor

Upon visiting Northwest this fall, new Provost Kichoon Yang found many qualities that he liked about the University.

"A few things just stand out, for example, the high student success rate, a very cooperative working environment, well-maintained technology infrastructure and a strong leadership team," Yang said. "If you put all those things together, you get the ingredients of a great University."

When Yang takes over Pro-

vost Taylor Barnes' post in January, he will look to build on Northwest's existing strengths, such as technology.

Yang was officially announced as the new Provost Nov. 15, replacing Barnes when he leaves to take a position with the geographical information sciences program at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He was eventually chosen from four candidates who were interviewed by a Faculty Senate committee af-

ter being selected from an initial list of 30 candidates. Yang's new position will serve as second in command to University President Dean Hubbard as the chief academic officer.

As a former project director for the National Science Foundation, Yang's prior experience will aid him in his ideas to expand technology here at Northwest.

"The pace of advancements in science and technology is accelerating," Yang said. "And as

a result the economy, job markets and educational needs are changing very fast."

The best way to keep up with this precedent-setting pace of change, Yang said, lies in a synergy between academic disciplines. The opportunity to explore unique blending of sciences and humanities programs is something Yang said he enjoyed during his time as Dean of Natural Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa.

He's optimistic that the Northwest faculty are capable of handling similar opportunities

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Kichoon Yang



Jorge Salazar, manager of La Bonita Mexican Restaurant makes sure customers Jake Carlson, right, and Jeremy Lacy enjoy their meal. Salazar moved to Maryville from Chicago in 2003. Below: A proportional representation of Nodaway County's minority population.

Outnumbered but optimistic

While minorities account for only five percent of Nodaway County's population, some find prosperity, others frustrated

By DOMINICK HADLEY
Missourian Reporter

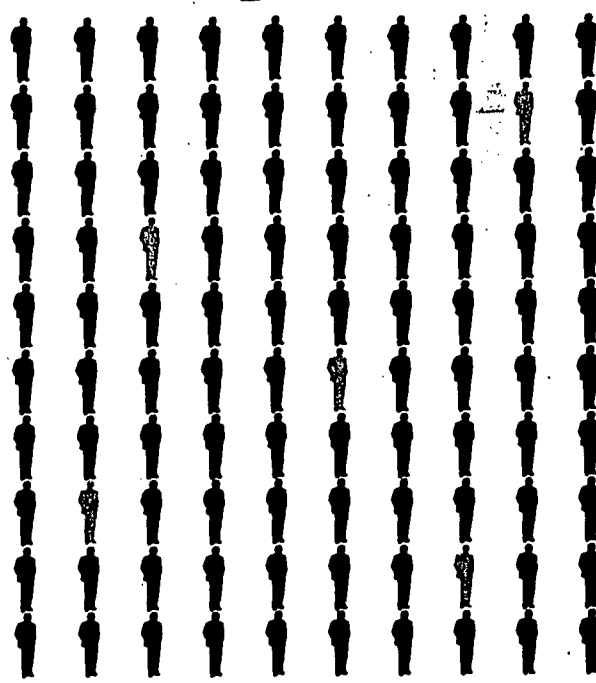
It only took one experience for Jamie Tindall to realize that she was in for a rough four years at Northwest.

On her first campus visit, she sat in a Garrett Strong lecture hall among hundreds of students. There was just one problem: she was the only African American in the crowd.

"I was in awe because those halls are pretty big and I was the only black person," Tindall said. "It didn't change my mind about coming here, but I was like 'I really have to get used to this.'"

That was three years ago, but according to the U.S. Census and University enrollment figures, little has changed.

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Maryville man pleads guilty to sexually assaulting a minor

By AARON BAILEY
Community News Editor

A Maryville man entered a plea of guilty to three counts of felony deviant sexual assault earlier this month for the rape of a minor.

Brian Kelly, 47, was charged after an investigation by Public Safety into whether he had sexually assaulted a 17-year-old female without her consent, concluding he allegedly had deviant sexual intercourse with the minor on three occasions between November 2003 and June 2004.

On July 8, while being questioned by Public Safety, Kelly admitted to having sexual contact with the victim in Maryville during the last three months.

According to the complaint filed by Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird, "the acts of deviant sexual intercourse were for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of Kelly and that Kelly did so knowing that it was without the consent of the female."

Kelly entered the pleas of guilty without a plea bargain in place, meaning he could face the maximum penalty for the charges. One count

of class C felony deviant sexual assault carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Circuit Judge Roger Prokes ordered a pre-sentencing investigation during the hearing, which gives the judge and attorneys information on the defendant to help in the sentencing, such as criminal background, assets and work experience.

Baird said that information will help determine the severity of the punishment sought.

"Once I have the information, I'll sit down with the victim's family and talk about what we would like to do," Baird said. "We almost always ask for (prison) time in these types of cases."

According to the probable cause statement, the three charges stem from nonconsensual oral sex and masturbation with the minor.

On the same day that Kelly admitted to Public Safety that he had sexual contact with the minor, he was taken into custody. His bond was originally set at \$100,000, but was later lowered to \$50,000. Kelly posted bond on Aug. 8, and was released from the Nodaway County Jail.

Sentencing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Nodaway County Courthouse.



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Zach Nichols, 18, focuses on a game of HALO 2 at Arena Games Wednesday. The Maryville native, who has been a video game fan "since the days of Super Nintendo," enjoys battling friends in various video game tournaments.

HALO 2: A gamer's dream, a procrastinator's nightmare

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

What can make a grown man crane his neck, get sweaty palms and glazed-over eyes? Hint: It's not a woman.

The sequel to a previous Game of the Year award winner has finally hit the stores and is now vanquishing video game fanatics' hunger. HALO 2, reportedly the most anticipated game of the year, hit the shelves Nov. 9, but even before then the craze was apparent in the video gaming community. Some gamers even ordered the game more than a year ago to reserve their limited-edition copy.

"It's the Xbox game, the game that defines the console," Association for Computer Machinery member Grant Howard said.

With all the options available for gameplay on HALO 2, many people spend a full afternoon or evening with their Xbox and sometimes average more than 35 hours a week in front of the TV.

Although some gamers never seem to leave their television sets, they still keep coming back day after day.

"It's the entertainment value and replay value," Howard said. "You can just keep coming back and it's not the same every time. It's not like a rerun of a movie or a TV show."

In today's society, researchers often suggest that the increasing number of individuals who play

video games often miss out on social aspects that are needed for societal growth, but Allen Lode has a different perspective.

"It depends on who your friends are," Lode said. "Some friends don't play video games and there are some friends that I get together with and that's what we do, play video games. So it does and yet it doesn't."

Others also argue that a video game addiction among college students may lead to a lack of studying and missing classes.

"I've not missed class," Howard said. "Not studied, that could be said a little bit."

Despite the sometimes-negative effects that come from a box and controller, gamers believe there is some good that comes out of video games.

According to Lode, games like HALO 2 are also a good way to end the week and get a little stress and frustration out of a person's system.

"After a really long week of tests and things like that I can just sit down and play HALO and I don't have to worry about anything else," he said.

In the single player or co-op campaign mode, HALO 2 continues the story line from HALO: Combat Evolved in which aliens, were attacking human planets and the hero, Masterchief, is leading the charge in defeating the assault.

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Students reminded of different ticket procedure

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

Northwest fans wanting to see the Bearcats in action this weekend against Texas A&M-Kingsville will notice several changes.

The game is scheduled for noon Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

Normally Northwest students are admitted to home games after receiving a complimentary ticket with a valid student ID.

For the Division II playoffs, students will have to purchase a \$4 general admission ticket.

Those wanting to purchase the tickets in advance can do so by going to the Student Services

Desk in the Administration Building. They will also have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the box office on Saturday.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said a strong showing from students is important.

"They can help us create a huge advantage Saturday," Tjeerdsma said. "If we can get that side of the bleachers filled that would be great."

According to Assistant Athletic Director Mark Clements, Northwest students purchased nearly 3,000 tickets for the Fall Classic at Arrowhead.

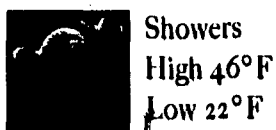
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Missouri News

Jailed man connected to St. Joseph runaway

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)— A man arrested in a purse snatching is under investigation in the disappearance of a 15-year-old girl from St. Joseph, Mo., but won't talk about her, authorities say.

Ashley R. Martinez apparently met Christopher M. Hart, 33, a convicted felon, on July 6 at Krug Pool in St. Joseph and left with him when he said he would take her to California, police said.

Since then there has been no word from Martinez, who brought nothing but the clothes she was wearing and left behind her medication for bipolar disorder.

She had run away before but never left Missouri or was gone for very long, said her mother, Tammy Navinsky, and St. Joseph police Sgt. Jill Voltmer.

"It's been a nightmare," Navinsky told The Olympian by telephone on Tuesday. "It's been very hard on me and our family. Right now, we don't even know if

she's alive."

Only after her daughter vanished, she said, did she learn from the girl's friends that Martinez had met Hart a number of times previously and was planning to run away with him.

He had been under electronic home confinement for a second-degree assault conviction and also had been convicted of drug possession, unlawful use of a weapon and resisting arrest, police said.

"She disappeared the same day he disappeared. We're making the jump that she probably did leave with him," Voltmer said, adding that police consider her an endangered runaway.

Navinsky said her daughter has a good sense of humor but is subject to extreme mood swings and impulsive, potentially risky behavior when she is not taking medication.

"She's so much a danger to herself, let alone anybody else she

comes into contact with," her mother said.

Martinez is 5-foot-3 and 110 pounds with sandy hair, blue eyes, a pierced tongue, navel and ears and a scar on her left arm.

On July 17 Hart was arrested for investigation of theft in a purse snatching during the Lakefair parade in Olympia and there was no sign of Martinez with him, nor were police in the state capital aware that she was being sought at the time, investigators said.

Hart identified himself as Raymond M. Price actually the name of a relative, according to police and was released from the Thurston County Jail, but was sought on a warrant under the name Price after he failed to appear in court.

Hart was arrested again Sept. 7 after authorities in Missouri alerted officials in Olympia that he might be using an alias and staying with a cousin who lives in the area.

He remains in custody in the purse-snatching case and on a warrant for parole violation in the assault case in Missouri but won't talk about Martinez, Olympia police Cmdr. Tor Bjornstad said.

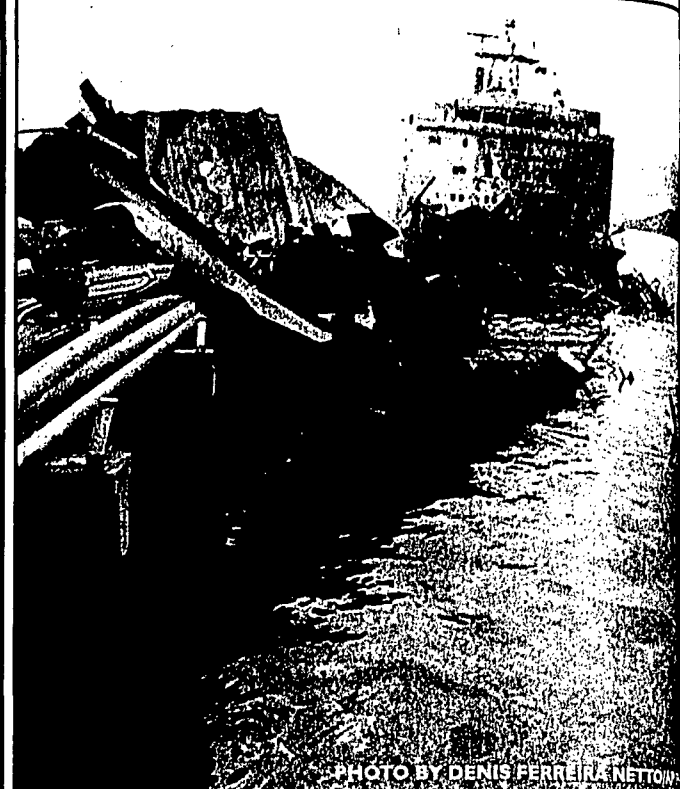
"We don't have any information at this point that would indicate that this missing female ever actually showed up in the Olympia-Thurston County area or Washington state," Bjornstad said.

"We talked to the people this guy was staying with when he was arrested, and they say he showed up here and he showed up alone and that (they) don't know anything about a female and the guy in jail, he's not talking," Bjornstad said.

Hart will be arraigned following a mental health evaluation at Western State Hospital in Steilacoom, where he was sent after he refused to come out of his jail cell and would not take his medication, deputy prosecutor Scott Jackson said.

International News

Toxic mess



Workers rushed Wednesday to avert an environmental disaster as an oil slick spread from a cargo ship, that exploded and broke in half while unloading ethanol at a port in Paraguarí, Brazil. Workers found dead fish and dolphins in the toxic slick of fuel oil, diesel fuel and chemicals that leaked from the ship, said Luiz Eduardo Chelida, environmental secretary for Paraguarí.

Funds needed for potential sports arena

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP)— Backers of a minor league basketball and hockey arena in Overland Park are looking for help from state and local taxpayers.

The City Council on Monday voted to ask the state for \$50 million in so-called STAR bonds, which are loans repaid using sales tax generated from events in the arena. Council members are also deciding whether to buy \$6 million worth of land for the arena and provide \$35 million in other tax incentives.

Developers want to build a \$135 million, 8,000-seat arena and entertainment complex, with about half of the money coming from public financing.

"The project won't happen without your help and support," the developer's attorney, Greg Musli, told council members.

Overland Park's drive comes as nearby Olathe is working on an arena of its own. Both arenas would likely compete with Kansas City, Mo.'s proposed \$250 million downtown arena, which was approved by voters this summer.

National News

Sandwich resembles Virgin Mary

MIAMI (AP)— The people at eBay were no believers in this cheesy miracle: half of a 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich whose owner claimed it bore the image of the Virgin Mary.

Diane Duyser put the sandwich up for sale last week, drawing bids as high as \$22,000 before eBay pulled the item Sunday night. The page was viewed nearly 100,000 times before being taken down.

An e-mail Duyser received from eBay said the sandwich broke its policy, which "does not allow listings that are intended as jokes."

But, Duyser, a jewelry designer who has bought and sold items on eBay for two years, insisted this was not a laughing matter.

"How could eBay do this to me?" Duyser said Monday, hours before the online auction was supposed to have ended.

On Tuesday, the Web site allowed bidding to resume, with the top offer reaching over \$16,000. Bidding is scheduled to end Nov. 22.

Company spokesman Hani Durzy said the listing was mistakenly removed because officials doubted whether Duyser could deliver the product.

"After looking at it a second time, there's nothing to indicate that the seller isn't willing to give up this cheese sandwich to the highest bidder," he said. "We're going to allow it to stay up."



PHOTO BY JOE RIMKUS JR./AP PHOTO
Diane Duyser holds a 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich that she says bears the image of the Virgin Mary. Duyser put the sandwich up for sale last week, drawing bids as high as \$22,000 before eBay pulled the item.

In mocking response, two similar items were posted later: a grilled cheese sandwich bearing the image of the Virgin Mary's used chewing gum and Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

Duyser, 52, said she took a bite after making it 10 years ago and saw a face staring back at her from the bread. She put the sandwich in a clear plastic box with cotton balls and kept it on her night stand.

The sandwich, she added, has never sprouted a spore of mold.

Family, colleagues mourn kidnapped British aid

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—British and Irish leaders on Wednesday condemned the apparent slaying of a British aid worker who would be the first foreign woman killed in the wave of kidnappings that have beset Iraq.

Margaret Hassan's family in London said Tuesday they believe she was the blindfolded woman shown being shot in the head by a hooded militant on a video obtained but not aired by Al-Jazeera television.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed sympathy for Hassan's family, saying he shares the family's "abhorrence at the cruel treatment of someone who devoted so many years of their life to helping the people of Iraq."

Hassan, 59, headed the Iraqi operations of CARE International and had lived in the country for 30 years. She was abducted Oct. 19 from her car in

Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility.

CARE said it was in "more than 20 years" of providing food, medicine and humanitarian aid to Iraqis. The aid group, which has been in Iraq since the 1980s, said it was "with profound sadness" it learned of the death.

The European Union would make relief agencies to their crucial work in Iraq. Poul Nielson, the Danish foreign minister, said, "Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said 'those responsible for Margaret stand condemned by one throughout the entire international community.' Hassan was born in



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Our View

second chance

marijuana law in Columbia, Mo. offers well thought-out leniency to first-time offenders.

Imagine a young man or woman, fresh into the world of higher education, feeling rather independent and carefree. One night party, they tried marijuana once and got caught. Under the Higher Education Act's drug law of 1998, they lose all of their federal and financial aid. Without the funding they can no longer afford the increasing cost of tuition. Their life is virtually over before it even began. This is one reason why Proposition 2 is beneficial to students on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

Proposition 2 is a step in the right direction for providing a student's financial aid and securing the right to an education.

One found guilty under Proposition 2 will not be charged with a criminal record. This lack of record allows a student to keep any federal or state aid to go to college. Proposition 2 states that anyone with possession of 1.25 ounces of marijuana will be sent directly to municipal court. Penalties include a maximum \$250 fine or drug education.

Legislators are looking at Proposition 2 and may consider statewide or campus ordinances in the future. This may prove to be something to watch for in the next statewide election.

Notably, everyone makes a mistake at one time or another. The frightening realization here is that a mistake can screw up merely once and can be denied for a promising future.

A staggering number of kids around the country are charged with marijuana. Not all students get caught for the ones that don't, there's no reason to say they won't amount to anything. Imagine how the country would be today without leaders like President George W. Bush or former President Bill Clinton admitted to marijuana use, and it is circulated that Bush has also had experience with use. Although both were not likely qualified for the benefit of Proposition 2, neither struggling with it. Caught, would have been permitted financial aid from them from achieving a degree and in effect, presidency. The very future of our country is facing down an entirely different path.

It is important to clarify that we do not condone the use of marijuana. It's an illegal and addictive drug that has been proven to lead to other, more dangerous behaviors. Despite the culture that surrounds it today, it's not a good idea to use marijuana, but it's even more foolish to have an education.

Despite the consequences, young people will rarely learn from trying the drug. That's what's great about young people. They're in an important time in their life, and they don't deserve punishment they receive for trying a drug that's only shoved in their faces through music, movies and virtually every other media that cater to culture.

Proposition 2, the backlash felt on lower income families and uninformed students would be lessened. A lower-income student would not have to pay available to hire a lawyer to get the charges eliminated, therefore keeping this student out of the poverty they were born into. It would prevent them from achieving what is highly valued as being the American dream.

When anyone checked, they would remember that a college education is far from cheap. It is possible these days to walk away from college being in debt up to their ears from student loans. The cost of tuition increasing by thousands of dollars a year, it is hard to imagine attending at all without the form of financial assistance.

Marijuana should never be legalized but alternative punishment must be sought. A student should not be punished by being denied the right to an education. Proposition 2 secures that right.

Missourian Backtalk.
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Your Nov. 4 [comic] of George Bush to 'Slop back for seconds' is in very poor taste. You're so left-wing, so liberal sickening. I think that any noble or decent liberal would be sick and think you're sickening too. You gross us out, you're sickening."

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Rice is bad news for U.S. foreign relations

With Tuesday's announcement that Condoleezza Rice is to succeed Colin Powell as Secretary of State, it's painfully clear that President Bush has no interest in unifying the nation or in trying to repair U.S. foreign policy—which has been so decimated over the last year and a half, it will now take decades to overcome.

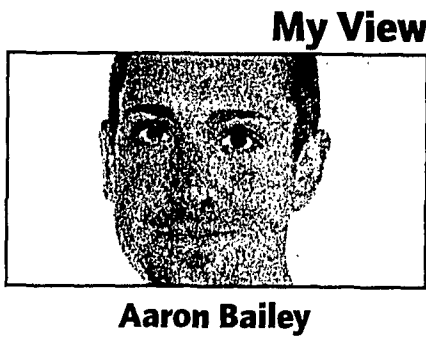
Rice is probably the most disrespected and lamented administration member—save possibly Dick Cheney—in not only the eyes of the world, but for some Americans as well.

Conservatives will counter that we shouldn't be concerned about what the world thinks of America, but for the job she is taking, image is extremely important.

Powell was widely regarded as a voice of moderation and reason against an administration hellbent on wrecking over half a century's worth of diplomatic efforts with Europe. While Powell did make a convincing case for war to the United Nations, citing a "massive stockpile of weapons," he later reversed his position after learning about the bogus intelligence.

As the war in Iraq became the mess that it is now, in an article in *The Washington Post*, Powell said he doesn't know whether he would have recommended the invasion of Iraq if he had been told at the time there were no stockpiles of banned weapons.

Powell was simply going off of faulty intelligence, and I'm willing to bet he deeply regrets that speech to the U.N. But we may have to wait for a couple years for his impending autobiography to find out his true feelings on dealing with Bush and Iraq.



Aaron Bailey

Powell was a man that wasn't afraid to differ with Bush on a variety of issues. He adapted to new information and wasn't afraid to change his mind—something that Bush apologists obviously hate (remember that incredibly clever "flip-flop" chant and sway?).

I've recently been introduced to this phenomena of "groupthink," which is basically the idea that people in groups will change their thinking to go along with the group, and will rationalize actions with one another. Actions that an individual would deem irrational are legitimized by the group.

I believe we're seeing this among the current president and his advisors, to the likes we haven't seen since the Nixon administration.

When General Eric Shinseki told Bush that his administration's estimates about the number of soldiers needed to pacify a post-Hussein Iraq were wrong and that more would be needed, he later "resigned," or more likely, was asked to step down.

And now, the biggest lackey for Bush—

My View

someone that will almost assuredly never disagree with the infallible W—will soon have one of the most powerful positions in the world.

One of the biggest criticisms of Rice is her refusal to admit there were mistakes and miscalculations leading up to the war in Iraq. In a recent article in *The Boston Herald*, Rice said she "stand(s) by to this day the correctness of the decision to take seriously an intelligence assessment that Saddam Hussein would likely have a nuclear weapon by the end of the decade."

Even when not only was the validity of the report itself being debated by the intelligence community, but also that the items in question were actually for the purpose of manufacturing a nuclear weapon.

"I knew there was a dispute, I actually didn't really know the nature of the dispute," she added.

This is just one example of Rice's unwillingness to admit error. I wonder if Rice and Bush sit around the White House marveling at their superior intelligence and omnipotent insight.

And with reports surfacing about Iran's involvement in aiding the insurgency in Iraq and its widely publicized nuclear aspirations, how long before we're engaged in three wars?

With Powell's resignation, the American people are losing a great humanitarian and respected diplomat. With Rice, we're gaining another hawk with virtually no experience in diplomacy and a perpetual "yes" man—or woman—for Bush.

Grow up girls and I dare you to e-mail me

In the past, I've refrained from sharing my views on this page unless possessing something immensely profound or hilarious to share with *The Missourian's* loyal readers.

Recently, I've shirked from such admirable self-discipline. My sincerest apologies.

But nothing breaks my heart more than having to waste time and energy commenting on the roller coaster dramas our University's Greek population occasionally leads us through.

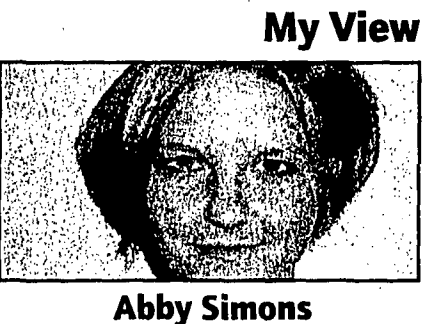
Yet, some women, sorority sisters, I can only presume, have brought it upon themselves.

And so I precede the following by saying this: Certain ladies of Northwest's Greek population—or perhaps I should say girls—grow the hell up.

And, to stoop to your maturity level, if you've got something to say, girlfriends, bring it, along with your name and face, to my front door. I'll be glad to chat.

It was three weeks ago when a *Missourian* staff member submitted a column chronicling the disappointment of rejection after rushing to join a sorority this fall. The premise was that, in addition to being turned down, she was not alerted of the sorority's decision, and instead had to learn the news from friends who were members. Throughout the piece, she made her point clear that she wasn't looking for revenge, sympathy or for the sorority to reverse its decision. Instead, she demanded reform in the policies used to alert potential recruits that they were not accepted.

She achieved it. But not easily. It wasn't days later that unsigned, offensive notes turned up in her e-mail inbox. Women brushed by her, muttering crude statements and profanity. This week, when one sorority



Abby Simons

member was speaking with another *Missourian* reporter for an unrelated story, the sister took great pains to say into the tape recorder that, among other things, she wouldn't be sad if the column's author were hit by a car and died.

Classy, sweetheart. I'm sure your sorority's president—as well as the director of Campus Activities—will feel the same way when I alert them of your actions.

Throughout it all, our staffer was frightened and intimidated. At first we all laughed it off, telling her to relax. They could and would do nothing, save perhaps fling their things at her. But as things grew progressively worse, we saw where she was coming from, and I grew incensed.

I'm not going to go into the spiel about how you lack the basic Greek principles of character, leadership and sisterhood that you so proudly claim. It's clear that some of you have long since abandoned them. And it's a shame your actions stand for all Panhellenic members on this campus. One sorority member I am proud to consider a friend—a woman, like so many others, of immense integrity—has explained to me the reasoning behind why many sisters were upset by the column. The author refrained from naming the specific sorority, placing a proverbial black eye on the entire Panhellenic population. A justified argument, where an apology may have been due. It's too bad none of these girls possessed the same rationale to explain it in a letter to the editor, rather than submitting an unsigned e-mail—wrought with misspellings and punctuation errors, I might add—that, among other things, referred to both the staffer and her article as bullsh*t.

Perhaps an apology was first due on our part. But you blew it. Those responsible owe our staff member a thousand apologies. You're big girls now. Your response, or lack thereof, to this column will show whether you're prepared to act like it.

Amid this drama which I am embarrassed yet obligated to have involved myself in, you know what the saddest part is? More than likely the fact that directly above what you're currently reading sits a well-written and civic-minded column that reflects upon what truly matters and affects us as members of this society.

Yet, take a wild guess what this campus will instead be abuzz about. It's nothing new, but it sure would be "off the chain" if we could for once get our priorities straight.

But too much time here has left me cynical. I know what will happen, and I wouldn't expect anything more, particularly from the so-called ladies I speak of.

Take good care, girls. As much as I'd love to hash this out in person, I know better. I'll be expecting you in my inbox and on colleagues' tape recorders soon.

My View

YOUR VIEW

What is the craziest thing one of your professors has ever said?



"That's why they call it your period."

Katie Chamberlain
Elementary Education



"If you smoke marijuana you'll be out there stealing and raping everybody."

Zack Payne
Communications



"Pat Immel, Fundamentals of Theater Production starts every story with 'When I was a roadie for REO Speedwagon.'"

Tristan Raines
Theater Tech. Costume Design



"You see, believing in God and that you should love your neighbor as yourself is an impossibility for two reasons: 1. Stupid people don't know how to love themselves, let alone anyone else. 2. Smart people don't like themselves."

Laura Wittwer
English



"I had a dream my friend got raped, my friend had a dream she got raped and her mom had a dream she got raped all in the same night." I heard this in Issues of Psychology. Why would anyone say that out loud in class?

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Downtown revitalization revs up

By DOMNICK HADLEY
Missourian Reporter

Downtown Maryville could undergo some major changes starting next spring, thanks to a \$2.5 million plan initiated by the Maryville Revitalization Task Force.

Members of the task force, which consists of city officials, area business leaders and concerned citizens, spent more than two years visiting neighboring cities such as Shenandoah, Iowa and Savannah, Mo., that created similar downtown projects.

After seeing the success in many of the cities, the group hit the drawing board to develop a plan that would produce a viable option for downtown Maryville.

"We visited other towns that had undergone revitalization. They improved their sidewalks and all of them had positive results," said Mayor Pro Tem Ron Moss. "With that in mind we developed the task force."

What they came up with was a two-phase plan designed to breathe

life back into what some consider a fading downtown.

The first phase of the task force's plan will be geared towards making improvements to the area surrounding the courthouse square.

Many of the starting projects will focus on improving the area's infrastructure—redeveloping sidewalks, planting new trees, adding new light systems and possibly installing several park benches. Some of the bigger projects might include constructing an amphitheater around the downtown quad.

The second phase will concentrate on bringing new businesses to downtown and revamping existing businesses already in the area.

Many of the efforts in the cities the taskforce visited were successful partly because of viable business efforts—whether it was attracting big name stores or just improving storefront appearance, Moss said.

The second phase of the Maryville Revitalization project will have similar focuses. The only difference, Moss said, is that they hope to attract smaller, specialized shops.

"St. Joseph is building a shopping

center which will have some high profile names, and I don't think anybody wants to compete with some of those names," Moss said. "One of the things we need might be some downtown stores that are different from what you can find in the larger shopping centers."

The majority of the funding for the both projects will come from future fund-raising campaigns. The taskforce hopes to raise \$1 million through its own efforts before soliciting money from the community.

The task force is also in the process of applying for state and federal funds, including a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But aside from costs and all other red tape, City Manager Matt Chesnut sees the plan as a wonderful opportunity to move Maryville toward progress.

"Anytime a community can get together on fixing something and there are enough people who want to do that... it's good for the community," Chesnut said.

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T-Rich visits the 'Ville



PHOTO BY AARON BAILEY/COMMUNITY NEWS
Kansas City Chiefs Pro Bowl fullback Tony Richardson signs a football for 6-year-old Lukas Erickson Tuesday afternoon at Maryville Wal-Mart Supercenter. Hundreds waited in line for their chance to meet the star NFL player.

Teen dies at area school known for strict discipline

KIDDER, Mo.(AP)—Authorities are investigating the death of a 15-year-old boy at a private, military-style boot camp in this northwest Missouri community.

Jerry Banks, who runs Thayer Learning Center Boot Camp and Boarding School, said the student died Nov. 3, less than a week after enrolling. The student's name was not released.

Banks said the student apparently died of an "unexplained medical condition." Though Thayer students par-

ticipate in intense physical exercise, Banks said the student was not involved in any physical activity when he died.

Without elaborating, Jeff Alsop—Caldwell County's chief sheriff's deputy—said the death was part of an ongoing investigation.

Caldwell County Coroner Gary Brown said Wednesday he still had not received word on any autopsy findings, including preliminary ones about the cause of death.

"There's really nothing we can tell

you right now," he said.

Banks said he was unaware of the student having any prior medical conditions that required special attention, and that the student appeared healthy when he enrolled.

"We're cooperating with everyone, because we want the answer, too," he said.

Thayer has more than 100 students, nearly all from outside Missouri, and charges \$4,000 a month for tuition and room and board.

Missouri law generally exempts

boarding schools from state regulation and oversight, but some schools have had to fight critics who say they excessively discipline students. The schools often attract parents desperate to change their children's drug use, gang activity and violent behavior.

Thayer's Web site bills the boot camp and reform school as "a life-changing experience for teens ages 13-18," a "highly structured" place on roughly 20 acres of farm land 45 miles north of Kansas City.

Outnumbered but still optimistic

According to the 2000 Census, minorities represented only 4.1 percent of the total Maryville population. The figures also show that the bulk of that percentage are Northwest students.

Students represented 93 percent of the African American population and 57 percent of the Hispanic population.

When Jorge Salazar moved to Maryville, it was love at first sight.

Salazar arrived in Maryville in 2003 to take over La Bonita Mexican Restaurant. He automatically knew that this was his kind of town.

Salazar, a Mexico native, had lived in Chicago for a short time, and in a city that big he said "you had to look behind your back."

However, that wasn't the case in Maryville. In fact, in addition to running a successful business, it didn't take Salazar long to develop friendships with local townspeople, including John Yates, owner of The Pub.

After a couple of visits to The Pub, Salazar offered to provide chips and salsa on Tuesday nights. The two have been friends and business partners ever since.

Aside from his relationship with Yates, Salazar said that Maryville is a wonderful place to live—especially for raising children.

"It's nice the people are friendly and I like it a lot, and I've never had any problems," Salazar said.

Tindall doesn't see a deep level of resistance to diversity from the Maryville community. She admits that she's had her share of negative encounters, but overall "the racial climate is OK."

Nonetheless, she does see resistance at the University—especially when it comes to minority recruitment.

According to University figures, minority students are 5.5 percent of the total student population. That number might be alright for University officials, but Tindall says it's ridiculous.

"I think minority recruitment kind of sucks," Tindall said. "We have 147

black people here and it's 6,000 students. That's ridiculous. It's like they only want it to be between seven percent."

Jesse Haynes, Northwest's affairs coordinator, has a different perspective. Haynes does agree that the numbers are relatively low, but he feels the University has made small strides to increase diversity.

But it's the community's attitude toward minorities that could use improvement. When Haynes first came to Northwest in 1993, the community was not exactly warm and friendly.

"People would drive by and nigger," Haynes said. "That was a bad time."

Attitudes have changed since then, but not a great deal. Just last year, University's international program held a local event and support from the community was overwhelming.

"Maybe it's the myths that are raised with about diversity and it just passes on and they say it," Haynes said.

Like Salazar, Hector Hernandez moved from Mexico to Maryville to take a supervisor's position at Donnie's.

And Hernandez also fell in love with the people and town as a whole.

"As a foreign person, sometimes you have experiences that are not normal but that's been the minimum," Hernandez said. "This is a beautiful town and the people here are the kind of people that you can't find everywhere."

Haynes, Tindall and Salazar have their different views about diversity in Maryville.

But for Hernandez, it all boils down to one simple concept.

"I believe how you treat people is how the people are going to treat you," Hernandez said. "If you want the community to participate with you, you have to participate with the community."

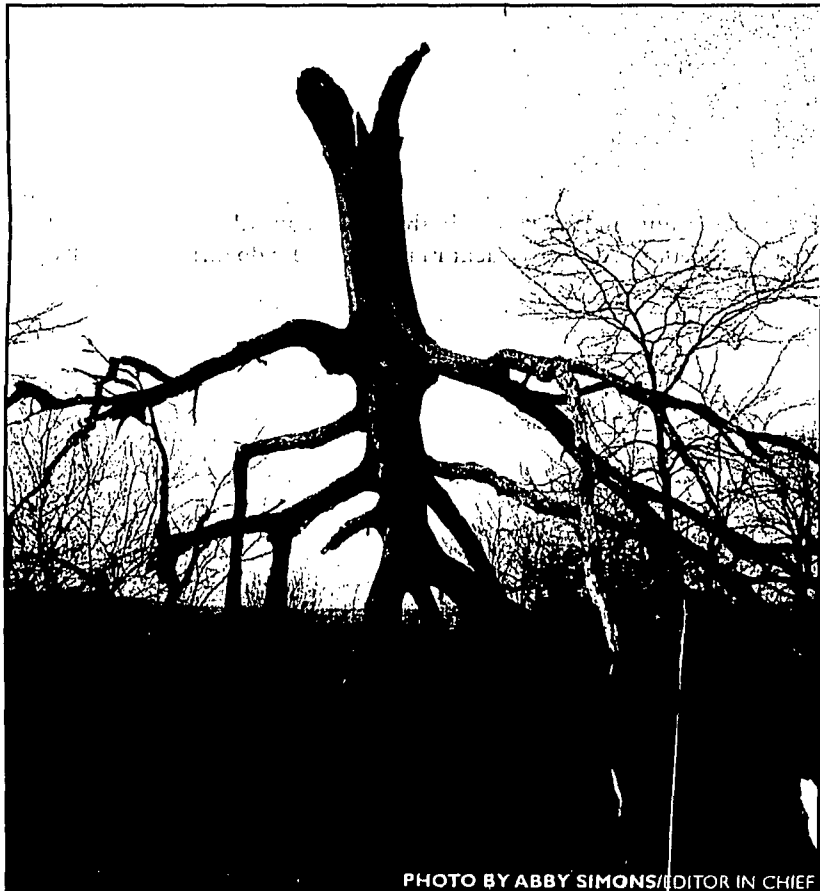


PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/EDITOR IN CHIEF
A tree was picked up and thrown back into the ground during a tornado in 1993 on the Nodaway County property of Bifford and Sandra Harden. "When it first happened the leaves were green, and facing downward with the roots up in the air. It still looks neat, just not as neat as when it happened," Sandra said.

Inverted tree baffles locals

By ASHLEY BALLY
Missourian Reporter

Miles outside Maryville, down the winding dirt highways in the desolate countryside of Northwest Missouri, you will find the "upside down tree."

Beyond the reaches of old FF hwy on the property of Bifford and Sandra Harden, the tree stands firmly planted upside down, its branches plunging deep beneath the Earth's surface.

According to Sandra, the tree was flipped by a tornado in 1993. The only damage done on the property was to the tree itself.

"It was a pretty stormy night and the sky was really dark," Sandra said. "We didn't find the tree until morning when we checked for damage on the property."

Eleven years since the incident, the tree remains with its gnarly branches reaching downward. Its trunk stretches toward the sky, and the only remaining life is the moss that sporadically grows on the twisted

branches. On the hillside the tree is guarded by thorn bushes and tall brown grass. Branches that have fallen off from the decay of time remain fastened to the ground by overgrown weeds.

"When it first happened the leaves were green, and facing downward with the roots up in the air," said Sandra. "It still looks neat, just not as neat as when it happened."

Occasionally people do hear about the strange circumstances regarding the tree, and drive out into the country to see it.

"We get a few people out here to take a look at it," said Sandra. "I'm sure there are more than we know about."

The couple chose to leave the tree where it is. According to Sandra, they discussed ripping it down, but chose to leave it because it is such an unusual occurrence.

"It's just a freak incident," said Bifford. "Our here the only damage done was to my tree, and nothing else was harmed at all."

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Smokers pledge to break habit

By SAM MUCHIRI
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Today, senior Vanessa Wade will be in her Camel Turkish Jade 100s Nicorette gum and plastic straws hope of quitting smoking.

"I'm going to try and quite for good," she said. "It's going to be a part of this year's Great American Smokeout, she, along with many others, will break their costly habits.

Every month, Wade says she spends \$75 to fulfill a 10-year addiction. "I was 16 and I thought it would be cool," she said. "My friends smoked and I thought that it looked cool."

Now, Wade says she wants quit smoking one pack of cigarettes a day to save her money and her health.

Twenty-one percent of students on campus like Wade are regular smokers. That is one percent higher than the average 20 percent among smokers in the Partners in Prevention program in Missouri.

The University Health Center, Counseling Center, and Peer Education will sponsor this year's Smokeout. The event was founded by the American Cancer Society in an at-

tempt to bring attention to health problems that smoking creates.

"The focus really is for friends to ask other friends to give up smoking for just one day," said Carol Cowles assistant vice president for Student Affairs. "The notion is to stop a certain percentage, those who do this will discover that if they can give it up for one day, perhaps they can give it up for good."

Students have various reasons for smoking. Kayla Fuller, an English major said she smokes because her entire family, with the exception of her little brother smokes. She had her first cigarette at age 12.

"When my brother turned 16 he would always be smoking after school, she said. "I thought it was cool at that time, so when I was 12 I stole a Marlboro Red from my dad and smoked it and got caught because I was coughing so loud."

Fuller didn't smoke again until 16, but started habitually smoking when she was 18 and plans to quit soon.

The sponsors have organized a relaxation room in the Mel Carnahan Reading Room at the Student Union from 11-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. They will offer restful music and stress relief exercises.

"A lot of people smoke because

they feel that it gives them an opportunity to reduce their stress," Cowles said. "But in reality nicotine is a stimulant and does not reduce stress."

They will also host the Smoky BBQ from 11-1 p.m. at the Bell Tower, where they will offer free hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, water and chips.

Information on how to quit as well as a contract for those who want to quit today or later will also be available.

Adverse health effects from cigarette smoking account for 440,000 deaths, or nearly one of every five deaths, each year in the United States.

"Smoking generally has long term effects that are more pronounced, smoking certainly has some short term effects in terms of compromising their breathing ability, financial costs, and social costs," said counselor Mike Mattock. "Some people don't want to date smokers."

The sponsors have some advice for those who want to quit. First is to make the decision that they want to quit, pick a day to quit and make sure it's not during a high-stress time like finals.

Tell people you are quitting for the support, talk to either a doctor or someone from the health center and



Senior Vanessa Wade smokes one of the last cigarettes in her pack before she begins her quest to quit her 10-year habit. Wade is the only smoker among her classmates in the Health, Physical, Education, Recreation and Dance department.

check out available resources for information on quitting. Finally, smokers should know that the first week is the hardest.

They also offered advice for those

who have already quit: be patient, cravings are natural and they will pass. Remember your reasons for wanting to quit, seek support, replace cravings with something healthy, reduce your

stress, check out medication options and remain smoke free.

"Death for smoking doesn't hit you like a truck, but it eventually hits you," Mattock said.

Grants provide for projects

By SARAH SWEDBERG
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The Northwest Foundation Centennial Society Committee wants the campus to get involved in celebrating the university's 100 years of traditions and positions.

So they are funding \$20,000 in grants for projects that would both celebrate campus' centennial and leave a lasting impact.

"They said, 'We recognize the funds campus are limited,'" Director of Development Greg Reichert said. "So, there are any unique ideas to celebrate centennial, we want to support them."

Faculty, staff and students in on-campus organizations, departments, offices and classes can apply for one by submitting a proposal.

Proposals will be accepted in one of three categories: live programs or the production of enduring materials. Projects that result in permanent items or a permanent record that reflects the university's history or its centennial celebration.

Proposed ideas for live programs should include a speaker, demonstration or visual arts that could be video taped,

photographed or written about to leave a permanent record.

Enduring materials projects could include papers, research or interviews.

"We don't have a list of projects we want done, it will be up to each person that wants to apply to come up with their own ideas," said Mary Ann Lowary, vice president of University Relations.

Those interested, Lowary says, must submit grant applications by Dec. 23 to the University Relations office, which is spearheading the grants with the Foundation's centennial committee.

"The grant application, I think, is very simple. It shouldn't take anybody a long time," she said. "It's going to take longer to sit down and really think through what a good project would be."

An on-campus review board will consider all proposals and determine the projects that will be funded. Winners will be announced on or before Jan. 28, 2005.

"With \$20,000, that won't last a long time as we start spreading it," Lowary said. "I am hoping that a lot of groups will have some good ideas."

In return, the projects should be completed within the centennial celebration period, from Jan. 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006.

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New Provost aims for technology, encourages faculty in grant writing process

to cross program borders.

Yang's versatile mastery of several academic disciplines was just one of the factors that made him a standout candidate from the four who were interviewed for the job.

"He's Dean of Natural Sciences right now, but his background is in mathematics and philosophy," said Faculty Senate Committee Chairman Michael Hobbs. "He brings a marriage of science and humanities to the Provost position, which I think is important because there are lots of

things going on at our campus as far as new development of programs, which he will help us with, but we don't want humanities to lag behind. He won't allow that to happen."

Hobbs also believes Yang's skills in grantsmanship will be an asset to Northwest in the future. In addition, Yang also emphasized a need for greater participation from faculty in that area.

"I think one of the things he wants to try to emphasize when he gets here is fuller participation in grant-writ-

ing from faculty," Hobbs said. "But one of things he did say is that if we want to encourage faculty to do that, then we have to provide time for them to do that."

Since coming to the United States from his native South Korea during his senior year of high school, education has been a substantial part of Yang's life.

After graduating from Chapel Hill High School in Chapel Hill, N.C., he earned his B.S. in Mathematics from the University of North Caro-

lina, and earned a Ph.D. in the same field from Washington University in St. Louis.

As a Dean at the University of Northern Iowa, Yang initiated Iowa's only undergraduate program in bioinformatics, a fast-growing and job-producing discipline.

He also served as the assistant vice president for undergraduate studies at the University of Texas Pan-American and served for 12 years in the math department at Arkansas State University.

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Popular video games keep students hooked, focused on beating opponents

The sequel picks up with the aliens attacking Earth and Masterchief once again protecting another planet. In this game, however, players find out that there are at least seven more rings in space that may wipe out all human civilization.

New characters, weapons, and gameplay are also introduced and the advanced artificial intelligence in Masterchief's enemies may keep gamers plastered in their seats for hours on end.

As well as having a unique gameplay experience in a campaign, HALO 2 also offers advancements in multi-player mode that were updated in HALO from their origin in games like Nintendo 64's GoldenEye 007.

"HALO: Combat Evolved has been around forever and is still incredibly popular, and to have HALO

2 come out, it just makes it that much better," ACM president Brandon Rockhold said.

Another facelift the sequel underwent was the ability for gamers to play each other on the Internet over Xbox live. Through this system, 16 players can battle each other in head-to-head combat and team games ranging from quickest to 50 kills to capture the flag and king of the hill. HALO 2 may win a game of the

year award just like its predecessor, but if it doesn't gamers will continue to play it and it's counterparts for years to come.

"They're just fun," Rockhold said. "You can't go around shooting aliens just for the fun of it and you wouldn't want to because then you might die. It's just something fun to do to kill time."

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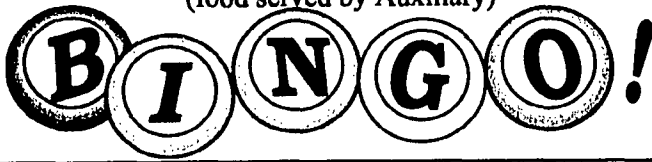
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To Live or Let Die?

By STEPHANIE STANGL
Features Editor

With the push of a button, a solution of saline drips intravenously into the body. Shortly after, a dose of thiopental creeps in, inducing a comatose state, followed by a gush of potassium chloride, finally stopping the heart and ending the pain.

In April of 1999, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, also known as "Dr. Death", was sentenced to 25 years in prison for second degree murder. His crime: helping terminally ill people end their lives with a suicide machine he referred to as "Thanatron."

Although all forms of euthanasia are illegal in every state except Oregon, which legalized one form in 1994 under very strict conditions, some people still believe that terminally ill individuals should have the right to choice of when they want to end suffering.

Euthanasia is carried out in two forms: active and passive. Passive is when death is hastened by the means of a person altering some form of support and letting nature take its course. This could include removing life support equipment, not resuscitating someone when they need it or stopping medical procedures.

Active euthanasia involves causing the death of a person through a direct action, in response to a request from that person such as physician-assisted suicide through lethal injection or lethal doses of medication.

Just like all issues involving personal choice, such as abortion and capital punishment, euthanasia remains a heatedly debated topic.

The Rev. Lee Yates at the First Christian Church in Maryville agrees that the issue of legalizing euthanasia is an extremely complex topic with much gray area.

"Euthanasia is an issue that people are wrestling with," Yates said. "A lot of it comes down to whether people view it as suicide or not."

Although the issue comes down a debate over the morality of suicide, Yates wants to make the public aware that this is not a biblical issue, al-

though many believe it to be.

"In modern times the church has condemned suicide as a sin," Yates said. "But the reality is there is no place in scripture that condemns suicide."

While some people argue that sanctity of life should prevail over quality of life and that humans should never be allowed to take death into their own hands, Yates advocates a measure that would allow terminally ill individuals the right to choice of death if they wish to do so.

"We are so arrogant in our clinging on to life and our belief that we can keep people alive forever that we become almost cruel," Yates said.

Even though his grandmother suffered with Alzheimer's 10 years before she died, Yates wants people to know that he held his view on the right to choice long before she got sick.

Yates knows that Alzheimer's runs rampant in his family history and is currently pondering how long he would like to see his life carried out should he ever develop the disease.

"I don't know how I would handle living in constant paranoia," Yates said. "She had only been diagnosed with Alzheimer's a couple years before she started thinking the people in the television were breaking into her house."

Yates also thinks that society relies too heavily upon technology to solve problems.

"The longer we live, the more technology is made available. People assume that this equates to an increased chance of being able to live forever," Yates said. "We think that technology is our fountain of youth."

Debbie Herring, branch manager for SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri in Maryville, says that the hospice setting is one alternative to all forms of euthanasia.

While IV poles and life support machines normally loom in hospitals, these are abandoned in hospices, where patients are allowed to carry out their final days at the residence of their choice.

The goal of a hospice is not hasten death, yet to provide holistic care to make the patient comfortable during their final moments.

"A hospice is an organization that takes care of the terminally ill patient," Herring said. "We allow mother-nature to take its course on patients that decide that they don't want any more treatment."

Terminally ill normally refers to those patients that have been given the prognosis of six or less months to live, Herring said.

According to Herring, the difference between hospice and hospital care is that cost of hospice care is more in the hundreds of dollars, while hospital care can exceed thousands.

In a hospital, a patient can spend around \$500 per day for the room alone.

The money that people had intended to leave in their wills is not getting there because often it is consumed by the huge costs of hospital care, Yates said.

"After my grandmother died, my mother let my grandmother's checking account close because there were no assets left to give," Yates said. "Questions then arose: with nothing left did they have to pay an attorney to file a death certificate? Do they still have to process the will even though there is nothing left to share?"

The issue all comes down to personal choice, Herring said, which can be outlined in the form of a living will.

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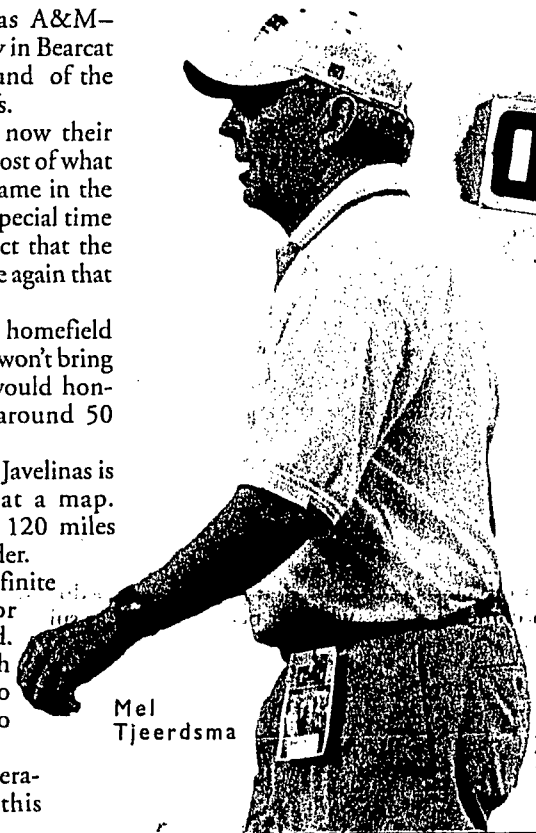
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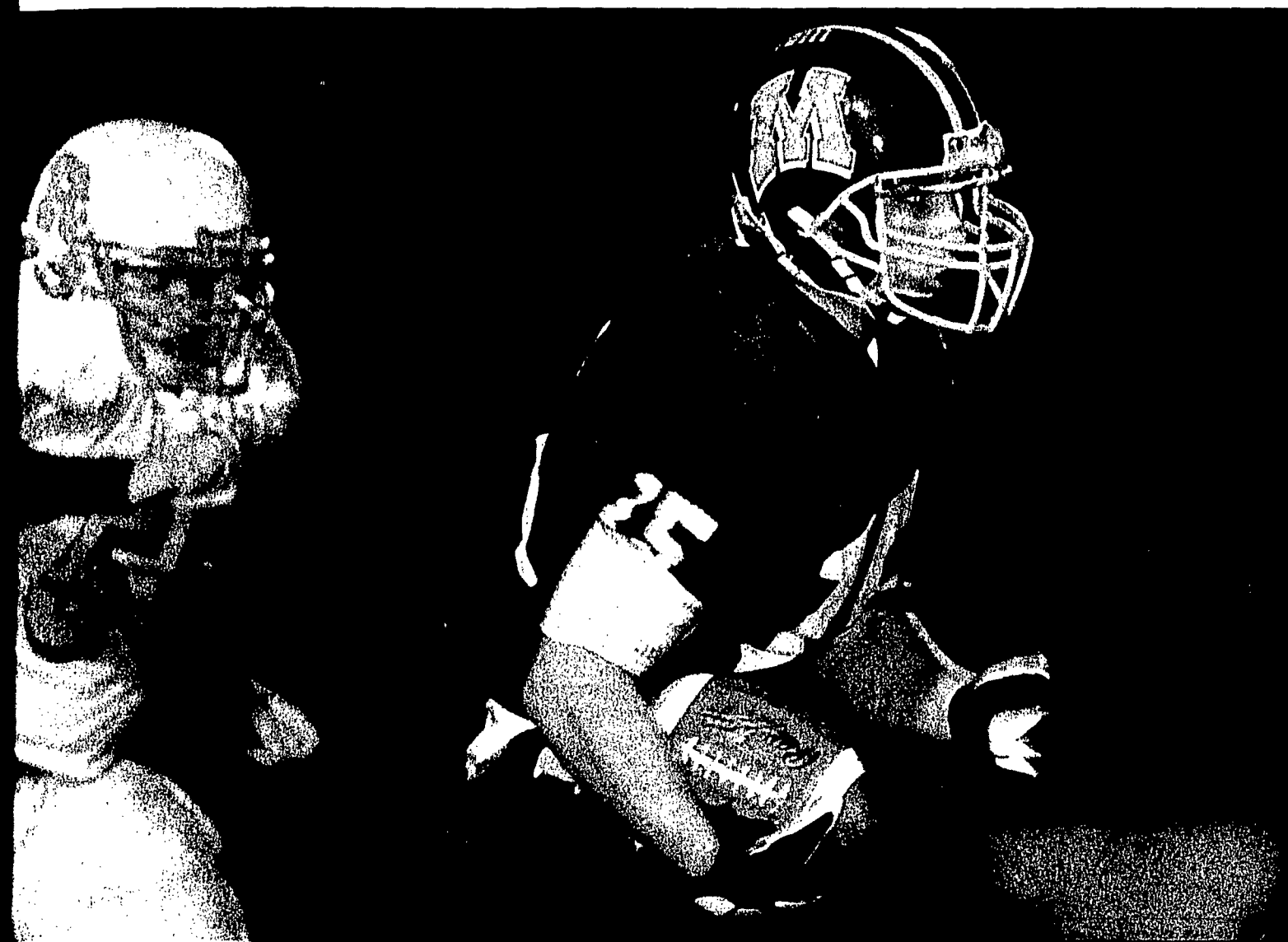


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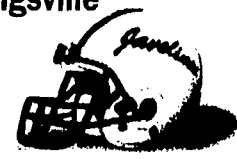
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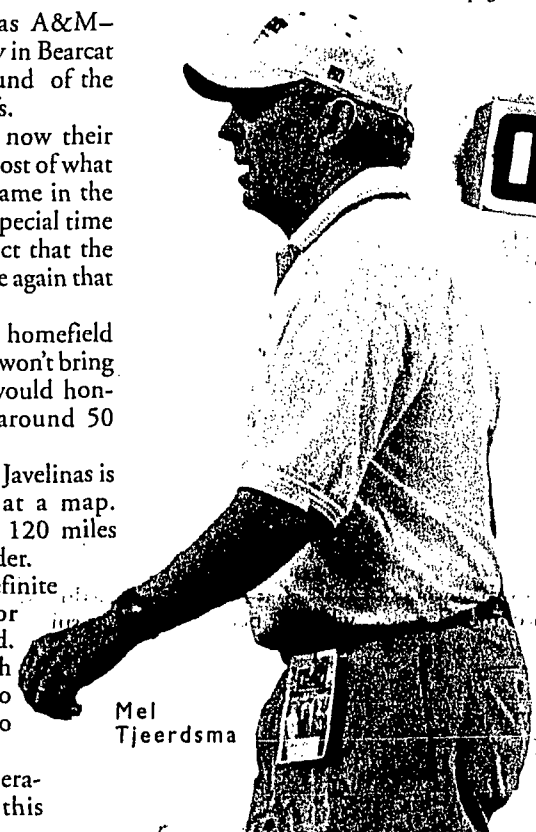
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Senior Jesse Shaw led the 'Cats with 26 points and 10 rebounds and also posted his second career double-double.

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Texas team to bring special style to game against 'Cats

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The temperature can do what it wants, but the cold, hard reality is that the game is played on the field—and the two teams are nearly even.

"I think you are going to see much of the same kind of game as the Pittsburg State game," Tjeerdsma said. "It is going to be 60 minutes of two teams going at it playing good football."

On the field, the Javelinas are led by quarterback Daniel Taylor, a Harlon Hill trophy candidate. Against Southeastern Oklahoma, the senior threw for 218 yards.

Defensively, the Javelinas thrive on creating turnovers. In their last two games they have created 11 turnovers.

"They are just really athletic," Long said. "They have a good quarterback, a physical running back and some good receivers."

Javelinas running back Ryan Beard brings quite a history with him to the game. The transfer from the University of Michigan has rushed for 481 yards this season and also has quite a bit of speed. According to Kingsville's official athletic Web site, he ran the 100-meter dash in 9.98 seconds in high school, along with rushing for 443 yards in a game.

On the Northwest side, Tjeerdsma reports that the team is healthy with the exception of Josh Lamberson and Tony Glover, both who are out with season-ending injuries.

Now all that is left for the Bearcats is anticipation.

"This is the first time I've ever played in the playoffs in college," Long said. "I'm pretty jacked about it. It's time to just get out there and play the game."

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Burnsides leads rushing attack for MHS

Brisbane added to the strong Maryville attack, pulling in four catches for 80 yards and two touchdowns.

The 'Hounds started the season off at 2-2, but have won seven games in a row since that 2-2 start. They now find themselves just one win away from making the trip to St. Louis and playing for the state championship.

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Maryville stayed close with the Wildcats the whole game but a game-changing play did Maryville in late in the third quarter. Harrisonville decided to go for the first down on a 4th and 16 on Maryville's 24-yard line and they got it. They would then score a few plays later to take the lead for good.

The 'Hounds know they didn't play their best in that game and think they have grown since then.

"Our defense has played excellent, they're the heart and soul of this team," Wilmes said. "Our offense has just got to pick it up and keep going."

In regards to the collapse on defense, Maryville doesn't plan to make many big changes in their game plan.

"We'll play a little different, for the most part we'll play the same," Starr said. "I don't think we played up to par like we usually do. I think we will pretty much play the same, just play harder."

The 'Hounds will also have to deal with penalties. In that game, Maryville was flagged six times for 58 yards. The game prompted Miller to vent on the officials after the game but the 'Hounds have not run into penalties influencing the game since that game.

Maryville has only gone on the road just twice in their last seven games. However, Miller doesn't seem to think it will bother his team.

"We've lost one at home, we've lost one on the road," he said. "I feel like we can play anywhere, we just got to get out and play our kind of game and if we do that, we're going to be very successful."

The semifinal matchup will be Miller's fourth as a coach. Miller has never coached a team to a state championship and, going into the season, he believed that with the team he has, it could happen.

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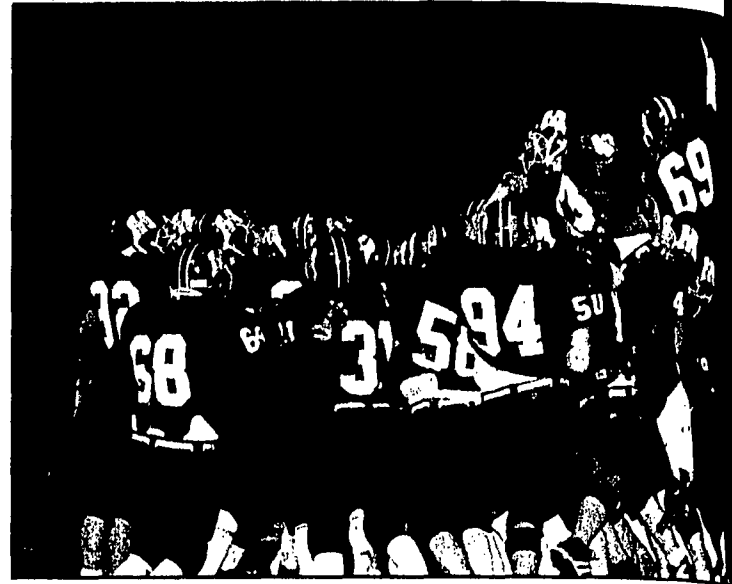


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Women's team slowed down by second-half run by North Dakota

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On Monday, the Bearcats traveled to Sioux Falls, N.D. to face off against the University of North Dakota.


Northwest led the No. 7 Fighting Sioux 30-29 at the half nailing 14 of 34 shots from the field before losing 73-56.

In the second half however, things didn't go quite so well for the Bearcats as they were outscored 44-26.

Leading the way for Northwest was again Friederich with 19 points. Blay paced the Bearcats as well with 14 points.

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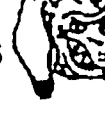
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What is a Javelina?: The story behind Kingsville's mascot

Javelina Athletic Department

The Texas A&M-Kingsville athletic mascot is the javelina, and the school is the only college or university in the nation with this mascot.

Any time the Javelina athletic teams venture outside Texas, one of the first questions asked has been, "What is a javelina?"

Texas A&M-Kingsville has had the javelina as a mascot since opening its doors in 1925. An article in an early edition of the South Texan campus newspaper explained the picking of the name and a description of the animal.

"Last summer (1925), the pioneer students of this college voted to accept the javelina as our college mascot...after hearing some almost unbelievable but highly interesting tales of the fighting spirit of Mr. Javelina, they elected him mascot by a large majority."

"Wherever the javelina is known, his reputation as an intrepid and relentless fighter also is known. The word javelina (pronounced hah-vuh-lee-nah, with the accent on the third syllable) is the Span-

ish name for the peccary, a species of wild hog indigenous of the New World and ranging from Texas to Patagonia.

"They are small animals, seldom attaining 40 inches in length and more than 20 inches in height. Biologically, they are related to swine, though their teeth are different and their stomachs are in some respects characteristic of a ruminant."

"Their greatest enemy is the Mexican jaguar, but when attacked they stand their ground with a ferocious determination that often sends the jaguar scurrying to the safety of a high limb."

"There is nothing unusual in their style of fighting. Its main characteristic is vicious intrepidity. When attacked, they boldly face their enemy and begin crowding in on him with a short, driving rush and with their jaws snapping with the suddenness of steel traps, and the animal is in a sorrowful plight that fails to keep his carcass out of range of their knife-like teeth."

"Another characteristic of the javelina is that one flock, if aware that another flock is being attacked, will rush to its

assistance, and when once attacked, flight is unthought of."

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The species, from Texas to Central America, is known as the collared peccary because of its white stripe running down each shoulder from the withers to around the throat.

Javelina mascots have been frequent at Texas A&M-Kingsville and the present mascot has appeared at all home games since 1969. Today, the animals are caged. At one time the mascots were allowed to run loose on campus.

In September, 1929, Dr. R.B. Cousins, the first president of the school, was attacked by one of the two mascots kept on campus. It was found to be rabid, and Cousins underwent the Pasteur treatment for rabies.



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The javelina represents the University of Texas A&M-Kingsville as the school's mascot. Kingsville will face off against Northwest Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. Kingsville brings a 1 record into the game.

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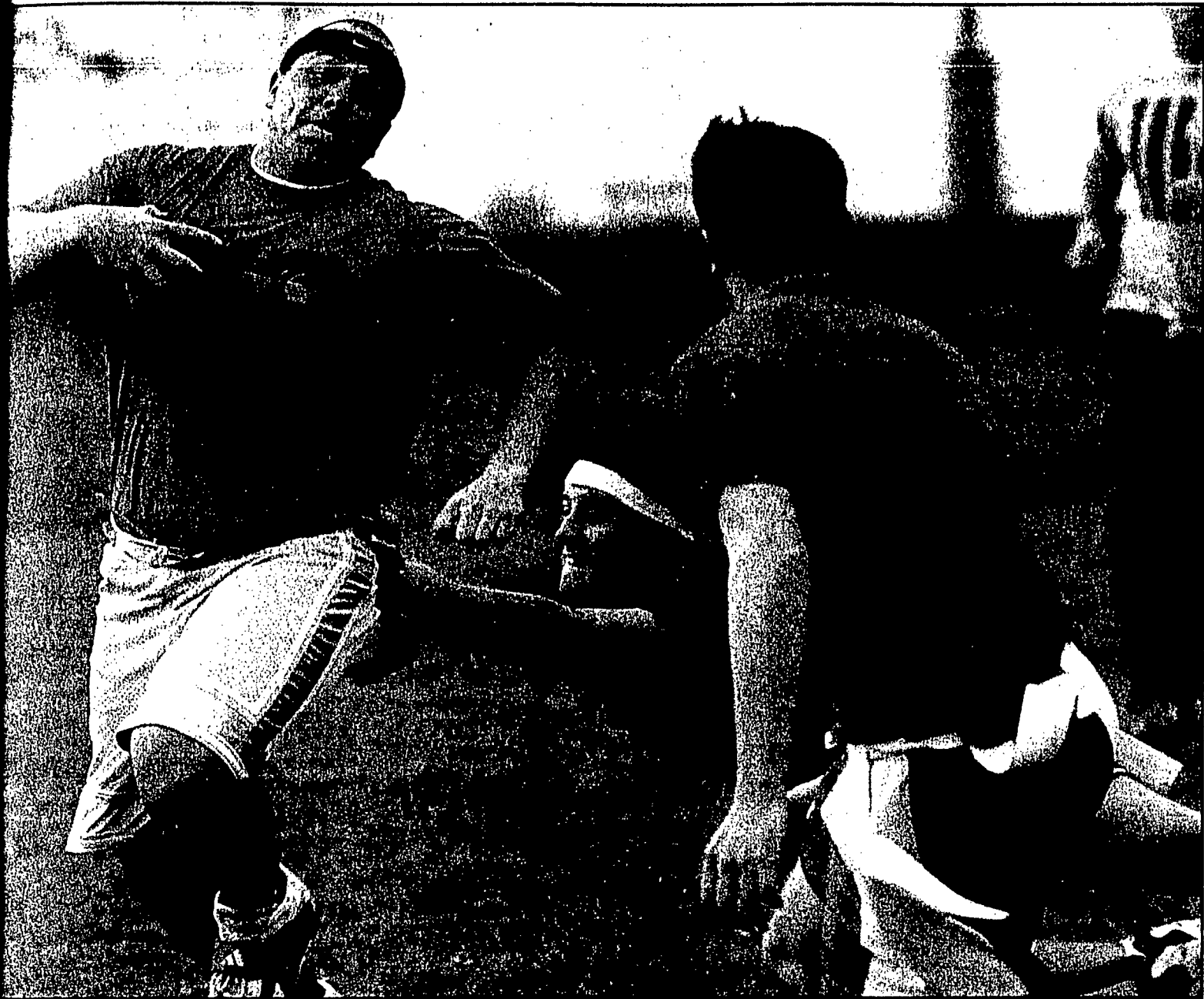


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Willard takes over, tries to rebuild team

By BETH MEYER
Missourian Reporter

After coaching the freshmen girls' basketball team during the 2003-2004 season, Adam Willard has taken over the head coaching position.

The coaching styles of last year's head coach, Randy Cook, and Willard will be quite similar, but Willard says the team will have to make a few adjustments.

"He liked to push the ball every possession," he said. "We'll push the ball when the opportunity is there and if it's not there we'll set up and run a half-court offense."

Having to replace six seniors off

of last year's 15-11 squad will be a challenge for Willard, but with the first game weeks away, he has some time to determine who can step up.

"We've got one girl back with a lot of varsity experience, Kelly Dawson," Willard said. "And then we've got a couple girls here and there with varsity experience so we're looking long range."

With only two weeks of practice under their belt and limited varsity experience returning, Willard is still concentrating on the essentials of the game.

"We're just working on fundamentals," Willard said. "Taking care of the basketball, and shooting. Little things like that right now."

"We've got a couple girls here and there with varsity experience so we're looking long range."

ADAM WILLARD
NEW GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Chiefs' starters not to lose their defensive jobs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - The Kansas City Chiefs rank near the bottom in most defensive categories but no starter's job is in danger, coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday.

"Not right off," Vermeil said when asked if he planned any changes. "I'd like to believe we know, with minicamps ... training camp and games who our best football players are."

"It would be nice to say, 'Oh, we'll plug in that All-Pro. He'll come in and solve all those problems for us.'"

The Chiefs (3-6) are suffering through the same imbalance that has plagued them the past two years—great offense, bad defense.

Trent Green, Priest Holmes and Tony Gonzalez have the offense flying high, averaging more than 422 yards and ranked No. 1. Their rushing average of 164.2 yards per game also tops the chart. They're No. 5 in passing, with more than 257 yards passing each week.

But for the third year in a row, the defense is scraping bottom. After last week's loss to New Orleans, the Chiefs are giving up more than 350 yards per game, 27th among NFL teams. Their pass defense, with both safeties having difficulty, is 26th.

"I do believe we can get better overall defensive play and overall safety play out of the people we have," Vermeil said.

Weak safety play is especially glaring because both safeties—Jerome Woods and Greg Wesley—were given big contract extensions after last season.

Woods, who went to the Pro Bowl last year, hurt the Chiefs last week at New Orleans by drawing a couple of ill-timed penalties. Overall, the secondary let wide receiver Joe Horn get loose for several long plays, including a 43-yard go-ahead touchdown with 2:39 left where he split the safeties on a deep pattern.

"We did not get to the deep middle a couple of times," Vermeil

agreed.

"One time (cornerback Eric Warfield) didn't make the play, another time we took the bite on a play-action pass that hurt us. Correctable things. Sometimes trying too hard. Sometimes you can try too hard, you're going to make every play, not just your play," Vermeil said.

Vermeil also said the problems do not stem from a lack of familiarity with the schemes and philosophy of defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham, who took over this year from Greg Robinson.

"I think everybody knows what they're doing," he said. "We're not revolutionizing the world here. The big thing the other day is we took the No. 1 offense in the National Football League and produced two touchdowns."

Vermeil also said that for the second week in a row, there was a malfunction with Green's headset.

"The job (offensive coordinator) Al Saunders and (quarterbacks coach) Jason Verduzco did handling that problem was absolutely unbelievable," Vermeil said. "We only had the quarterback call one play on his own. It was a mess."



AP PHOTO

New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister (26) runs through the Kansas City Chiefs defense on the way to a touchdown in the first half in New Orleans Sunday.

Championships mark end of flag football

By SETH HERROLD
Missourian Reporter

A 45-yard prayer was answered for Champ's Crew, their title were crushed on the field of the intramural flag football championship. The Puffy Love crew intercepted the Crew's quarterback Chris Healey to win the championship title 20-13.

Just had some miscommunication defense, and made some offense trying to go for it," said Healey. "It just didn't work out."

The victorious Puffy Love

Cannons, it was time to celebrate.

"The team we played today are all good buddies with us, they were talking smack all week saying they were going to beat us," said Cannons quarterback Jason Carpenter. "It felt good to win."

Flag football becomes a whole new game in the playoffs.

"It's a lot more competitive, and the guys take it a lot more seriously," said Matt Crowley, who is better known by his friends and teammates as "Lunchbox."

"You always think you can win it all, if you don't think you could win it all, then why would you even want

to play?"

Only one team can win, however, everyone else exits at some point in the playoffs, some earlier than others.

The Shockers are one such team.

"It was disappointing to know that the season was over," said Jason Hamilton after a first round loss to the Hombres. "It was a lot of fun."

"I can't wait until next year," Hamilton continued. "We are going to have a lot more experience, and that makes for a better team."

Other winners in flag football divisions included the Has Beens, who won the girls open division, and

Delta Chi, who won their third straight fraternity division championship.

The Has Beens win was a defensive war with Phi Mu that went into overtime tied at 6-6. The Has Beens pulled it out, however, winning 12-6 on a late touchdown.

Delta Chi's win came much easier as they beat Phi Sigma Kappa 14-0 to continue their dominance in this division.

"Our success over the years has primarily come from our recruiting process," said Jason Alexander of Delta Chi. "We had a pretty good selection of guys who rushed us."

Wrestling squad starts practice with scarce numbers

By AARON NELSON
Missourian Reporter

Hoofound and Bearcat fans to figure out which football team they will support this year as other area teams try to win the teams success.

The wrestling squad of the High School, it's impeding practice schedule. But the High School head wrestler Joe Drake doesn't mind. He anticipates having a full season after the football season is over, he said.

Though most of Maryville's are on the football team, they aren't are beginning to

prepare for the upcoming season.

"We have eight practicing right now," Drake said.

It's practice as usual for those eight.

"Right now, they're practicing moves and technique."

The absence of the majority of the squad has yielded at least one positive.

"The thing that the eight have going for right now is that they're getting a lot of individualized attention."

The first match of the season is not until Dec. 7, and Drake doesn't anticipate having his full squad until after the football team ends their season.

He has no regrets, because many of his wrestlers are playing well on the football field.

Although some coaches may be nervous about their athletes participating in other sports because of possible injuries Drake sees it as just part of the game.

"Injuries are an uncontrollable factor. You just can't spend time worrying about things that you cannot control."

Something Drake and the 'Hounds can control is how they prepare for their first dual against St. Pius X. Drake expects the Warriors to be much better than what his squads have seen in the past.

"I know their numbers are up, so we expect them to be improved from the last couple years," Drake said.

Exactly when the 'Hounds get to see what they're up against remains to be seen.

This is because the originally scheduled date of Dec. 7 may not give the 'Hounds ample time to prepare with a full squad.

"Right now we're trying to prepare for them (St. Pius X) like it's going to happen on the schedule. The longer the football team is in the playoffs, the more we hope we can change it."

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Your Man's ready for some turkey

Just think, a week from today you could be having mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, yams, apple pie and a slow cooked, oven basted turkey! No more ramen noodles and Union food. In one week, we'll return to home for a delicious Thanksgiving Day meal.

After stressing over term papers, pop quizzes and tests, the holiday season is finally here and we're going to eat like kings!

Your Man loves Thanksgiving; it's the best holiday ever. It's the one time of the year where family and friends get together for a day of feasting, football and napping. It's also the only holiday that gives us a full four-day weekend complete with a week's worth of leftovers and some of the biggest shopping sales of the year.

The difference between a great Thanksgiving and a Thanksgiving to forget could be who you invite to the dinner table. I don't know about your family, but my family has had some interesting Thanksgivings in



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the past.

Your Man has a crazy, psychotic grandmother who ticks off just about everybody she meets. If you bring her to the family dinner with all the relatives, you could end up with World War III.

Conversely, if you invite a funny uncle or a grandpa that tells the best stories, you will be in for a great day. I know some of you might think I'm joking, but most families use Thanksgiving as an excuse to have a reunion.

Don't invite someone to dinner who will just cause drama and tick

everybody off. Invite people that are going to make it a good and peaceful day.

If you never get to see your family because you're always working or are here at school, then this is something you want to make sure goes well.

With our family members getting older, we want to know that our time with them will be good. Don't ruin it by inviting the grumpy and unpleasant grandmother.

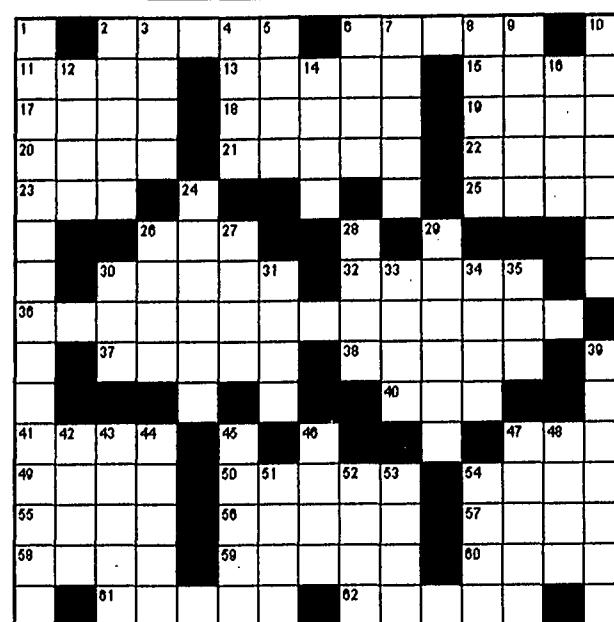
Tell her that her invitation got lost in the mail or that your dog ate it or something. But don't let her ruin your time with the people you really do enjoy.

Thanksgiving is a great day and this year should be no exception. Enjoy it while you can, because it will go by fast and finals week and will soon be here.

Eat some turkey, get some pie with extra whipped cream and kick back and relax. Have a good Thanksgiving everybody.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

2. Chases
6. Civil wrongs
11. Christmas
13. Plant louse
15. Grippled
17. Leaf of a book
18. Circular
19. Sir Geraint's wife
20. Having eyes
21. Pilfer
22. At the bow of a vessel
23. Hurried
25. Jazz form
26. Fairy queen
30. Brother of

Moses

32. Remains of a fire
36. Churchy
37. 13 through 19
38. Royal house of Italy
40. Monetary unit of Japan
41. Account
47. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
49. Charlotte shortform
50. Gangsters
54. Prejudice
55. Greek goddess of the rainbow
56. Consumed
57. Traditional

knowledge

58. Denomination
59. Asian peninsula
60. Delude
61. Lord, have mercy
62. Male deer

Down

1. Empiricism
2. City in W Germany
3. Secondhand
4. Sailors
5. Small blemish
6. There is no alternative
7. Strangely
8. Thievery
9. Spanish

- Mister
10. In addition
 12. South American language
 14. Colors
 16. Monetary unit of Italy
 24. Go at full speed
 26. Boy or man
 27. Boatswain
 28. Low in pitch
 29. Tremble
 30. Statute
 31. Not final or absolute
 33. Remain
 34. Economics
 35. Speak
 39. Licorice flavor
 42. Central part
 43. Slight sharp sound
 44. Good-tasting
 45. Dull yellowish brown
 46. Habitual attendant
 47. Sanctimonious
 48. Musical instrument
 51. Siouan Nebraska inhabitant
 52. Membership fees
 53. Petty quarrel
 54. Building

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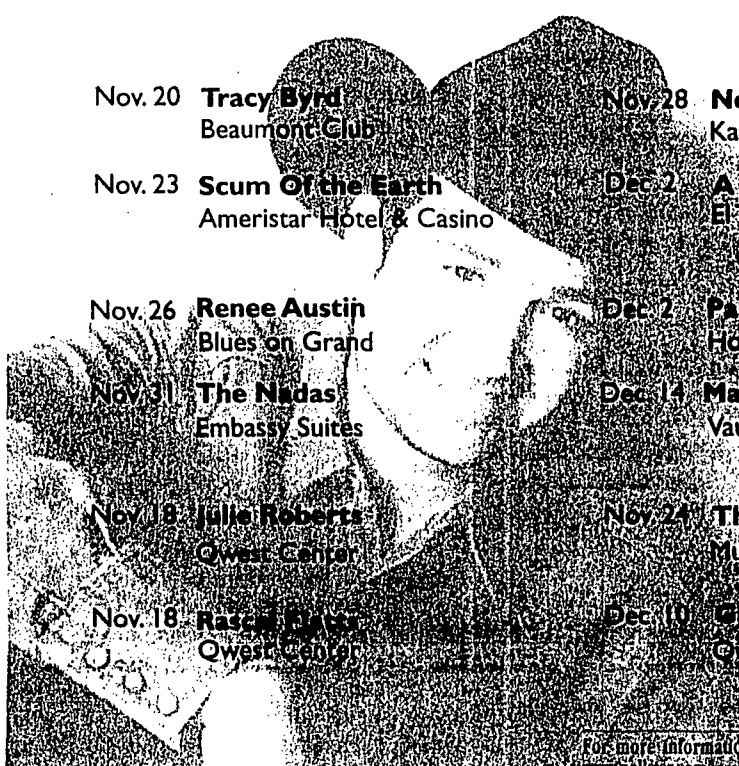
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| Nov. 31 The Nadas
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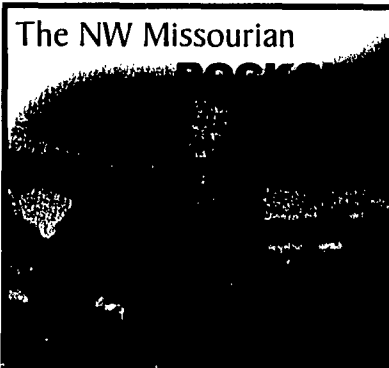
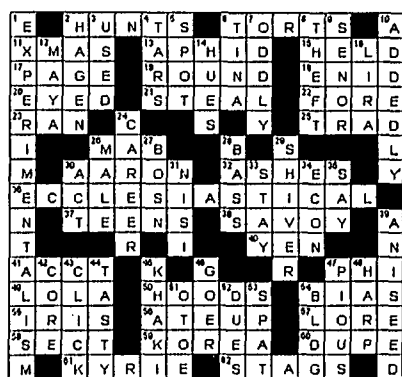


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